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SUBJECT: EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROJECT ON THAI MUSLIMS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSIES' DETAILED ANALYSES OF PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE RESEARCH PROJECT OUTLINED IN REF. C. IN VIEW OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO FUND HER TRIP. HOWEVER, PROF. SUHKRE INTENDS TO GO AHEAD WITH HER OWN RESEARCH AND PLANS TO TOUCH BASE WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK AND CONSULATE SONGKHLA. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SHE WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE AREAS IN WHICH SHE WILL BE WORKING.

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2. THE SUBJECT OF EXTERNAL CONTACTS AND SUPPORT FOR THE MUSLIM SEPARATISTS IN THAILAND CONTINUES TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT (STATE 088135). WE RECOGNIZE THAT RELIABLE DATA ON THIS QUESTION IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THROUGH SOURCES NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO MISSIONS, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED. FYI DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF RESEARCH ALLUDED TO IN PARA 2 REF. A BUT

DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT IT CONTRIBUTES MUCH OF VALUE TO OUR  
SPECIFIC CONCERNS. END FYI. VANCE

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